

Howdy!
Howay.
I just want to say a big thank you to everyone who has submitted their work and taken an interest in this zine! It's an honour to have your work in this series. It's heart-warming to have such a big selection of trans masc artists and to see the talent that flows through our community.



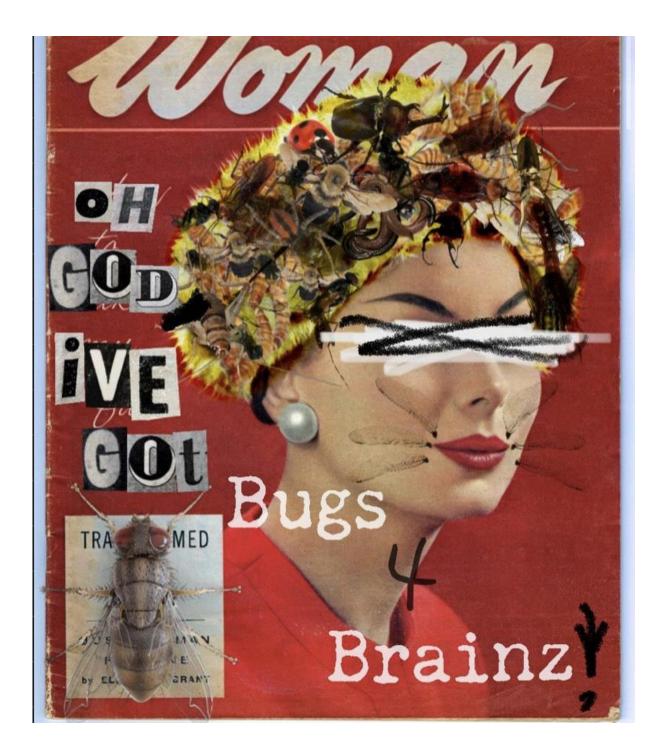


Handsome (left) and Shaved (right) by Shia Conlon (he/him), analogue photography, 2020

Shia Conlon is an artist currently based in Helsinki. Much of his work has been centred around marginalised voices and about growing up in the landscape of working class Catholic Ireland.

Website: www.shiaconlon.com

Instagram: @shiaconlon



Bugz 4 Brainz, picsart and old magazines, 2021 by Irot



Two Girls, collage, 2021 by Irot

"I create art that encompasses my inability to express without overcomplication, I keep my gender as a common theme to critique that revolting the binary is still binary and often feels inescapable. Art is my place to dive into queer expression without gendered restraints"

Instagram: @Giallo\_photographs and @CorruptModernity



Caleb Bauer, Trans Masc Angel, marker, paint and digital, 2021

"To me, trans bodies are angelic. I wanted to attach an ethereal feeling to this piece and reflect the serenity and power in overcoming dysphoria. I additionally used the trans colours to emphasise that this is a trans body and accepted nonetheless."

Instagram: calebauer

no one said my name right it was awkward and fat on their tongues it sat uncomfortably in the air and hovered over my shoulders

they didn't say it right
and it bit me when I tried to reach out
to touch it
it set off car alarms and broke windows
when they said it

consider the meaning of floating drifting with no name no body nobody gets it right

it starts in the backs of their throats and claws its way out to steal breaths from me and I do not recognize the sounds it makes

they'll learn to say it right someday they will they'll learn how it flows out with enough power to knock out their teeth they'll learn that it bursts out and hugs me and that I am no longer a nameless void

Elliot Dean (he/they), How You Say It, poetry, 2021

"As someone who has very recently come out as trans, it was very important to me to find a name that fit me. My deadname sounded wrong to me, and this poem was born out of that anger and frustration. It also came from a hope that someday I'll be able to hear my real name, and it will feel right."

Instagram: @elliotdeanart



Pascal Victoria (he/him), Body, digital illustration





### Close ups of Body

"My work aims to explore what it means to be a transgender person; to ponder around the love, pain, happiness and obstacles that come with it. Through comics, I attempt to claim what belongs to me: the name I've assigned myself, the respect that has been taken from me, the image I project on my body. It seeks to offer, through self-reference, a sensitive look at the emotional journey that surrounds hormonal replacement, name change, self-recognition, the rage of discrimination and the new relationships that are built with those around you."

Instagram: @anyredsun

Behance: www.behance.net/anyredsun

You're sitting just across the table

And I can't even look at you

You try involving me in the conversation
I give you non-committal one-syllables

You speak so effortlessly

There's no need to squash your syllables in the back of your throat

Your shirt hangs loose over your chest

And you don't need to adjust it

Pull it forwards, pull it backwards

Hunch your shoulders and erase your torso

There's a shadow of stubble on your chin
I wonder when you last shaved

You take off your shirt

Expose stretches of pure skin

I wait for the nylon-spandex-cotton

But it doesn't come

There's just Skin

Quinn Brown (he/him), Seeing Him, poetry, 2020

"This is a piece about the overwhelming sense of envy that I experience when seeing the ease cisgender men have in their bodies. Most days feel like a battle between myself and the body I was born into, and it is difficult to fight off the feeling that I was 'born wrong' and need to be 'fixed' with medication and surgery to conform to an acceptable masculinity. I can't help but feel jealous of people who don't have to experience this."

You rest your stone fingers

In my open palms

And I see your nails

Jagged like ocean rocks

Bitten by maggot teeth

Down to concrete nailbeds

Those hands were never capable

Of a great kindness

And I know this is the first time

That words have failed you

I think I've seen men

Like you before

So I give my own tongue

Permission to move in a familiar rhythm

And hope that I've guessed correctly

You open your opal eyes
And let the rainwater fall
It traces a certain kindness
Down the ridges of your body
And the peeling rock drinks
Greedy and desperate
Until moss covers your knuckles
And I know

You are not done growing

Quinn Brown (he/him), Shared Stories, Poetry, 2020

"This is a piece about finding solidarity and comfort in the shared stories and trauma that binds the LGBTQIA+ community together. It is an homage to all the people whose stories helped me find myself and contains a hope that I will be able to contribute to safe spaces for young queer folk to find themselves."

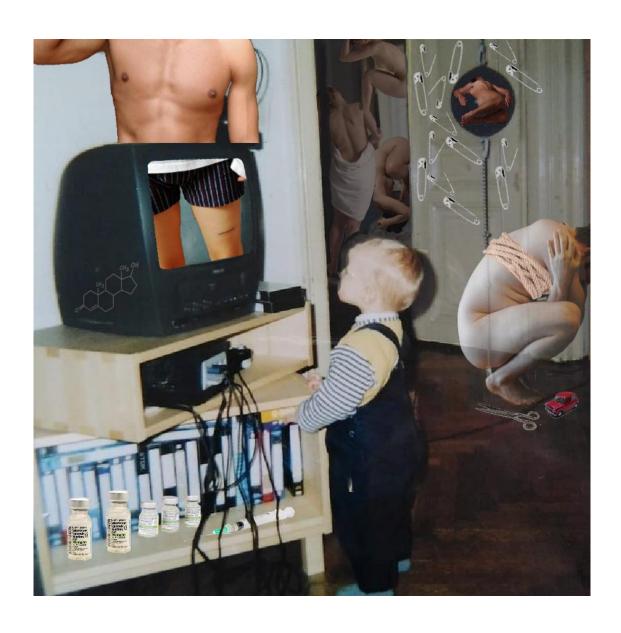
Instagram: @quinn.tinn\_



Jay Wood (he/him), Transforeman: More Than Meets the Eye, acrylic, ink, posca pen and collage on canvas, 2021

"Transforeman is the boss of his own transition. He decides how he shows up in the world. His tool belt is empty, waiting to be filled with just the right accessory for the day. Transforeman is not bound by traditional gender expectations. Transforeman can be whoever he wants. He is here. He is queer. He is ready."

Instagram: @jaywoodartist



Finn Harper Gebetsberger (he/him), The Hopeful Future of a Trans Man, digital collage, 2020

"The collage shows me as a little child, looking up to a masculine body, one I do not have yet but I wish deeply for. As a child I never doubted my gender, I felt free to express myself however I wanted and was thankful for that. As I grew older, I figured out that I truly am a man, and have been expressing myself freely again for a year now while still being in the process of coming out and hoping to medically transition soon. My artwork shows the harsh reality I face as a trans person, white it also portrays the fascination and joy of figuring out who you really are. Discomfort will fade into the background while our reality becomes more and more congruent with the vision, we have of ourselves."

Instagram: @cumulusregen



Dendro (he/they/it), My Body, digital illustration, 2020



Dendro (he/they/it), Perception, digital illustration, 2021

"My name is Dendro and I am a 21 year old, chronically ill, queer and trans freelance illustrator from Oxford, UK. My art is primarily created digitally but I do have an interest in most mediums, especially sculpture and traditional painting. My art focuses on trans people and their lives, unique experiences, and beauty. Being trans is a huge part of who I am as a person and it shapes everything I do, including my artwork."

Instagram: @dendromancy

Store: www.alexcostinphotography.com



Kirsty O'Rourke (they/them), It All Feels A Bit Public Sometimes, collage, crayon, coloured pencils and markers, 2021

"I am an illustrator and occasional animator based in England. I like to make playful, silly and introspective art about the things around me. Transness continues to be a presence in my work as I explore the complicated feelings of transitioning with an audience, whether it's online viewers or real-life relationships."

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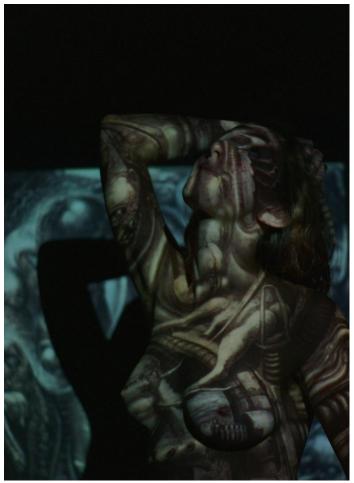


Raz Caron (he/him), HRT-Scamp, digital illustration, 2020

"There's this furious fixation that I have with gutters. They don't have to be pits of waste; they can be beautiful too. Scarred lighters with faded decals, or perhaps a floppy stuffed toy tattooed with the crust of the street, both sleeping drunk while nomadic syringes pogo underfoot. Removing overworld expectations, the scrappy inhabitants of the gutter are charming in their imperfections, and rich in narrative. The personality is what I embrace through cheeky iconography, tied together with my slimy thread, derivative slang and dysmorphic figures. I view my work as a celebration of authentic existence, through resistance, by emphasizing the reclaimed euphoria in the odd, the crass and the nasty."

Instagram: raz.nasty.art

Twitter: RazNasty







Bug Dickson (they/them), Louise Fleur-de-Sel (photographer), Robots, digital photography and projector, 2020

"The robots series, projecting science-fiction artwork over my body, is a way to express the otherness I feel as a non-binary person. I strongly identify with non-human characters, expecially robots, and seeing my body as a construct rather than gendered flesh and bones is somehow reassuring. What if I didn't have a chest? What if I had configurable body parts? What if I could switch myself off to avoid draining my battery? Robots ma sometimes be unnecessarily gendered, but I still I weren't."

Instagram: bug\_lightyear (double underscore) and lou\_des\_photos



Johnny Anger (he/him), Self-Made Man, digital illustration, 2021

"I'm an illustrator, and comic artist with a heavy emphasis on people. Namely, how men interact with one another, and how me interact with themsevles. As a comic artist, my work has always been based in stories, and I'd like to tell those stories about people that are like me – complicated, not perfect, masculine in a way shaped outside of society, and loving other men made from their own relationship to gender. This piece is a self-portrait about the experience of existing as a trans man under societal pressure, and choosing to keep going under fire – prepared to defend oneself, but not defined by fear. Just living."

Tumblr, twitter and instagram: jxthics





Loop, CRIMINAL QUEER, serigraphy on paper, 2021 and See Right Through/Tell No Lies, black ink on skin using rotary machine 2021

"My name is Loop, I am a trans masc tattoo artists from Paris' suburbs. Transitioning has changed my way of viewing the world and depicting it. I tattoo and draw for trans people amongst the masses, drawing about subjects such as class struggle and queer bodies for example. I draw to ease my mind and moreover, for everyone that feels left out. Outsiders we are, and we won't back down."

Instagram: Loop\_ttt

Twitter: LoopTempura

Tipeee: looptempura



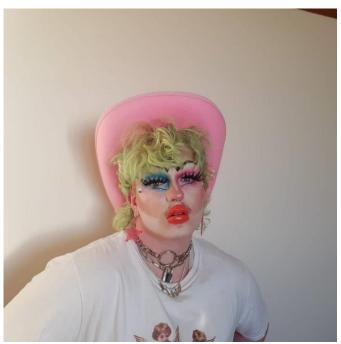


Adam (they/them), (F)Lovers, cyanotype and Birth of Venuša, 2021

"In my work I draw queer bodies, often based on my queer friends, sometimes on my fantasies of how humans could be. If we were free to just be. I'm also inspired by organic shapes and structures, and ways to use them as symbols or metaphors. My work can be described as naïve or even decadent and I accept both."

Instagram and Tumblr: amoebadam





Glitter Trender (in drag), any pronouns and Finn (out of drag), he/him, Untitle, the atrical make up and my own self, 2021

"Glitzy trender is a trans masc drag shapeshifter with a love for western and clown aesthetic heavily inspired by queer cowboys and their own transition."

Instagram: glitzytrander

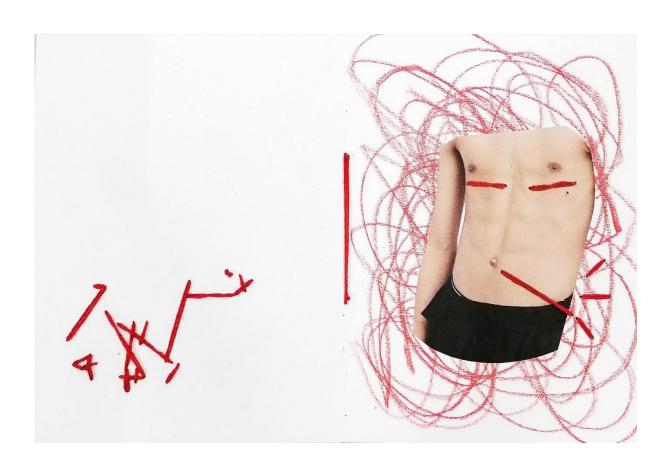


Amber (they/them), Bois Bleed / We Bleed, menstrual blood and Calvin Kleins, 2021

"Amber is a non-binary artist based in Manchester, working primarily in video and performance art. Their work is an exploration into gender dysphoria, anxiety, sex and the body from a perspective of embracing the repulsive and turning deep-rooted discomfort into catharsis. Through disgusting and sometimes violent performances and use of food, fluids, props and glitter, Amber seeks to exorcise negative emotions of destructive impulses and channel them into something productive, comforting, entertaining and a little bit fleshy. They take inspiration from the goth and industrial subcultures, using screeching electronic sound and grungy guitar to add to the visuals, as well as horror movies, and performances as a queer art form."

Instagram: aswinburne\_

Vimeo: vimeo.com/aswinburne



Robin "Rusty" Felix, Jitters, thread, pencil and collage, 2021

"Robin "Rusty" Felix is an art student currently based in Bath, who's work primarily focuses on deconstructing the everyday guff and gubbin, making a statement and everything queer. His piece Jitters shows both the linear idea and the more jumbled reality of (his trans) masculinity."

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Felix (he/it),

"I made this piece abut being an impressionable young trans man who's only information came from transmed youtubers and is now learning to love his transness and be able to explore femininity and push the gender boundaries after invalidating himself for so long."

Instagram: quearo\_



Samuel Luke (he/him), Same, digital illustration, 2021

"This illustration is a revisit of a drawing Samuel created in 2019, called 'Inside/Outside', about a pivotal time in his transition, (and in moments of gender euphoria), when his outside matching his inside. In this updated print, Samuel gets in touch with two previous versions of himself; pre medical transition, and his childhood self. Two very different moments in his life, but are crucial points of transition in a way his body has moved through time. He merges these selves with his current body, 3 years on testosterone, and 2.5 years post top surgery. The three bodies overlap, intertwine, and all embody Samuel. It's surreal to look back on how his body has taken on different appearances, yet it is the same vessel holding all of these memories within it. He finally feels at home in his body again, now that his flat chest has returned to him."



Samuel Luke (he/him), Gay Boy: Wanting More, digital illustration, 2021

"This illustration is page 8 from 'Gay Boy', Samuel's first comic addressing his sexuality as a gay trans man. This page confronts Samuel's deep fear of not feeling enough, compared to cis gay men, because of his lack of a cis penis. The text in the illustration is placed so the viewers eyes travel over Samuel's body, across his top surgery scars, and then between his legs. It is the most private and most empowering image Samuel has drawn of himself to this day. But his empty underwear doesn't make him any less of a man. The text also reflects time when Samuel was coming to terms with being trans, feeling so out of place, and had no idea how to fit into the expectations of being a gay man... And then one day, into the arms of another gay man... It still feels so foreign to him."



Samuel Luke (he/him), Trans Masc Semiotics, digital illustration, 2021

"This illustration showcases a collection of items, body parts and objects that Samuel feels represents his trans masculine experience. This work was inspired by Hal Fischer's "Gay Semiotics" photo series on gay symbols and street fashion (1977-1979). Fischer's series explored how certain fashion choices and items were signifiers for underground gay subculture, as a way of connecting to other gay people. As a gay trans man, Samuel feels connected to traditionally 'gay' symbols like keys on a belt, one earring, and even moustaches. But he has adopted and adapted them to his own trans masculine experience. These items are all a part of, or an extension of his body (some of the smallest things that bring him the most gender euphoria). Taking care of his trans masculine body (taking hormones, having top surgery and cutting his own hair) have been such formative rites of passage for his transition."

Instagram: samuellukeart

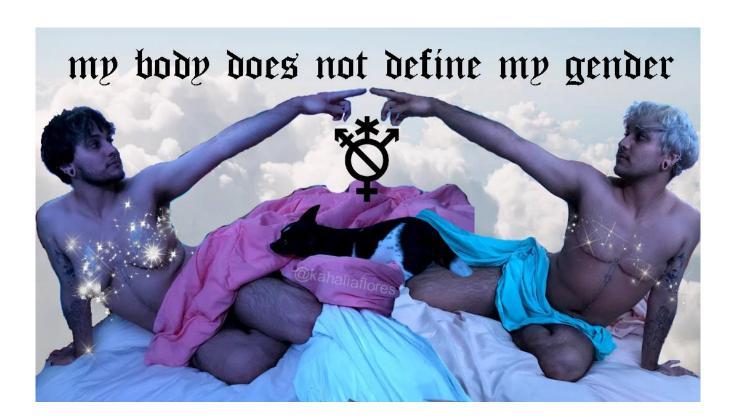




Eden Leeds (they/he), I HAVE BEEN TAKING CARE 0.1 (Left) and I HAVE BEEN TAKING CARE 0.2 (Right), gouache on paper, 2021

"My work is mostly inspired by my personal experiences with mental health, gender identity, and modernday anxieties. I suppose my work is very personal to me because I rely heavily on emotions to encourage creativity, and my life as a trans person evolving into who I always wanted to be is expressed heavily in it. I feel as if these paintings are a part melancholic, part relatable way of tackling with my sense of self-worth and often apathetic attitude towards looking after myself. However, I appreciate it when others can derive their own meaning from my art and share it with me, especially if it brings them some kind of solace or understanding. I like to think of ym art as a safe place to explore and address fears and uncertainties for both myself and whoever is looking at it."

Instragram: edennnn.l



Julian (they/them), Untitled, photoshop collage, 2021

"This collage is about how hormones or surgeries etc. (or a lack of them) don't make you "more" or "less" trans, your identity is the same no matter how you present."

Instagram: kahaliaflores

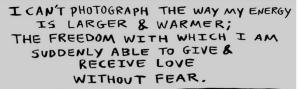
# I'M ONE YEAR ON TESTOSTERONE TODAY.

I WANTED TO HAVE ONE OF THOSE "SUCCESS" STORIES THAT I COULD DOCUMENT THROUGH PHOTOS;

WHERE I USED TO BE SCULLY, BUT NOW I'M MULDER.









THESE ARE NOT QUALITIES WHICH ACCOMPANY BEING A MAN. THEY ARE MY QUALITIES.

I'M UNCOVERING

MYSELF.





IT HASN'T WORKED LIKE THAT.

MY SKIN IS BROKEN OUT & DULLER.

MY HAIR IS THINNER & FLUFFIER.

I'M HEAVIER & HAIRIER.

MY FACE HAS CHANGED IN UNREMARKABLE

WAYS; NOT BETTER IN ANY WAY I CAN

QUANTIFY,

BUT MORE ME.

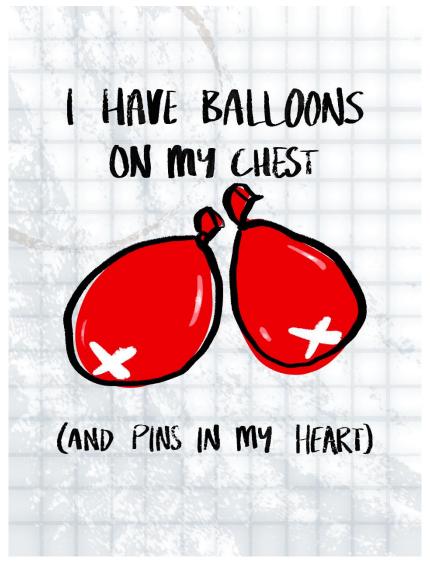


Ezra David Mattes (he/him/his), The Truth Is Out There / Testosterone Anniversary, black pen and ink with brush digital grey, 2020

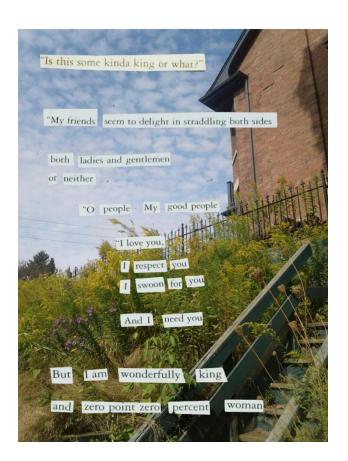
"This is a personal comic I made on the one year anniversary of starting testosterone. I tried taking selfies that morning to make a classic photo comparison, but that was disappointed with my inability to capture how consequential my transition felt. I realised that my journalising that day had an accidental X-Files motif and was inspired to take the day off of fundraising for top surgery to make this comic happen."

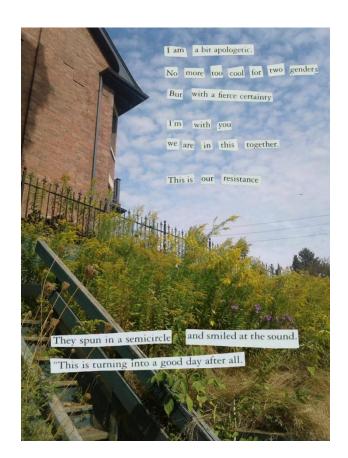
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Aryn Myatt (they/he), 99 Red Balloons, Please Go Bye, digital illustration, 2021 Instagram: arynjae





Aris Keshav (he/they), Is This Some Kind of King Or What?, digital collage, 2021

"I've been out as non-binary for a few years, and only recently became comfortable telling people that I'm trans masculine. "Non-binary" felt safer than claiming I was a man – somehow, it was harder for them to deny it or make fun of me. This is my coming-out poem. I love non-binary people and feel enormous solidarity with them, and at the same time, that's no longer an identity that fits me."

Instagram: ambiance.queer

## The Gender Envy Generating in Me

I suffer from this gender envy generating in me Stuck in a hall of mirrors reflecting sorrow The you-glory of euphoria in the future, guaranteed

Do you see my legal name leering on every marquee The turnstile of contentment begged and borrowed I suffer from this gender envy generating in me

The emotional tilt-a-whirl in the brilliance of HRT Doom takes notes from me and my standards set low The you-glory of euphoria in the future, guaranteed

I am ready with jammed go-karts for past's grand prix Obsessive circles prove me stuck in spinning, shallow I suffer from this gender envy generating in me

Jealousy makes a fool of the disassociated and unfree Perhaps I will feel better on tomorrow's tomorrow The you-glory of euphoria in the future, guaranteed

Meet me where grief dissolves from childish glee The fragment in faggot is everpresent, following I suffer from this gender envy generating in me The you-glory of euphoria in the future, guaranteed

Andie Sheridan (they/he), The Gender Envy Generating In Me, poetry, 2021

#### I Suppose I Mean Printmaking

I call my insurance company the lady struggles to take it all in stride when I ask, what's the coverage in making a linocut of my body?

Printmaking? she asks. Is that what you mean?

Yes, I whisper.

She tells me she'll assign a case agent to take me through it.

The journey, she calls it.
I can tell she's uncertain about the wording.

She asks for my deadname.

I hand it over like my white flag, the last blade, the way I always do.

No connivery.

She puts me on hold for a while.

I think about what the ink, rolled on with tiny brushes, will make me.

How if everything goes well, my body will be stripped line by line. Good knifery.

Hopefully, clean and quiet auras.

The hold music is full of loud areas.

The lady at customer service tells me the case agent will get back to me in 48 hours. Her voice tinny on speakerphone as she struggles to keep herself neutral.

I am peeling linoleum at all sides, hoping someone will get me out of this flat block of potential.

Her voice drips linseed oil as she bids me well. Is that all I can do for you, she asks.

I'm actively waiting to be broken open but there is nothing to say to strangers who see blank as a blessing. Yes, I say.

I wish her a good day and hang up.

Andie Sheridan (they/he), I Suppose I Mean Printmaking, poetry, 2021

#### He Envied the Boy in the Water

Let me tell you a secret about the healing of water: it can free you. (Let me free you.) He saw this and looked down at that once-twice face; how it molded to the ripples and wrinkles of flesh. He wanted that body instead of this feminine form and the way it dropped over his reflection, swaying double-weights eclipsing everything good. He could envision a better now in the depths of the pool. And who can blame him, whether he fell in or whether he jumped? The prescription of first-fresh air instead of drowning made sense to everyone except Narcissus. Or maybe it makes sense to you, too. (That body, it dropped--whether in fresh drowning or you, too.) Let me tell you about how he couldn't look away from the mirror and its pale promises, reeding with the fish. In the wake, lilies opened in crystalline boyhood.

Andie Sheridan (they/he), He Envied the Boy in the Water, poetry, 2021

"I am interested in writing about future manifestations of the self and ever-increasing hope that the body I am creating will be one I am happy in. Though metaphor I build a poetics that strives even through dysphoric discomfort to find optimism."

Instagram: becoming and it ranschivalry

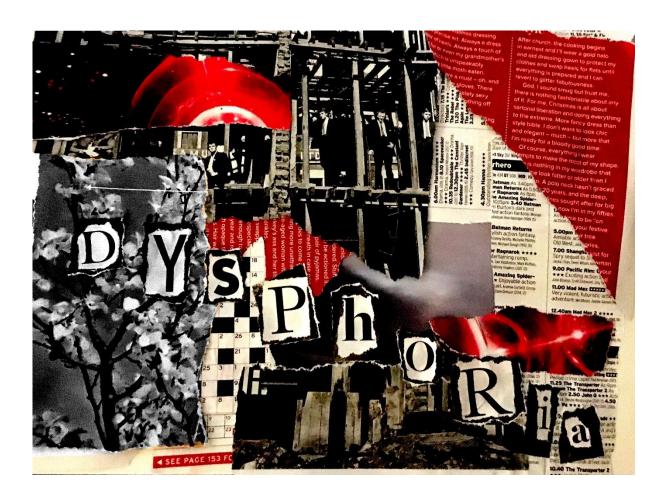




 $Shiri\ Nassi\ (photographer,\ they/them)\ and\ Imbi\ (the\ subject,\ they/them),\ Imbi\ Post\ Chest\ Surgery,\ photographs,\ 2021$ 

"Shiri Nassi is a non-binary trans boy taking photos on stolen Eora land. Often frustrated by the limitations of language Shiri turns to photography to achieve their queer existence."

Instagram: dj\_trancegender and 42069mm



Rowan Taylor (they/them), Dysphoria, collage, 2020





Rowan Taylor (they/them), In Stitches, sculpture created out of cardboard, drink cans and paper mache, 2020-2021

"As an artist I am to create a voice for a community so often spoken over. I primarily use collage, painting and stitching as a way of communicating some of my turmoil and anger at the state of trans healthcare in the UK as well as some more personal themes of anxiety."

Etsy: RowansPrints

# Pre-op

A boy is a sword. A boy is a slim hint of ink. A boy is a well-tailored suit. A boy is anything other than

his body. Burn your bones hard, the philosophers say, bury them deep -- do you have the skin you were taught to make? The years

> slither: rivers in plate mail maggots riding to war.

Maybe you'll be born even after all the princes went to slaughter.

Marion Apollo Deal (he/him/ze/hir), Pre-op, poetry, 2020

#### dead names

#### plague

there is little I haven't promised to a name on a page
dead names
deads' names
deadened names
writhing in the great frail trunk of chafing paper

fat sectioned letters with five or more hearts pumping names squealing out of the rain-choked soil like plague worms

moses didn't have a name in the end every time he visited a sickness upon a people he divested himself

queer

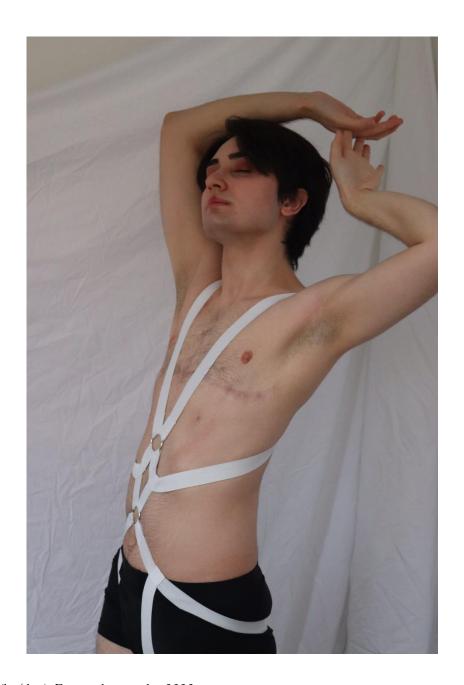
well they know my body will change until it meets the grave and all that's left will be the names that creep below the skin

Marion Apollo Deal (he/him/ze/zir), Dead Names, poetry, 2020

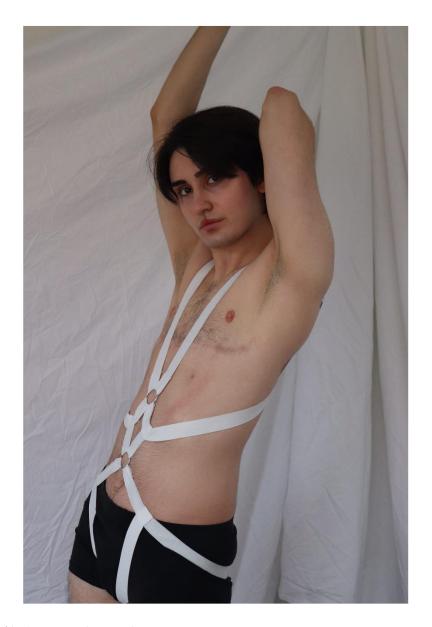
"I write things. That's a bit of tautology, given the poems out here, but it's also a disclosure of the most important thing in my life; telling stories. The things I wrote knew I was trans a lot longer than I did, and now that my writing and I are on the same page, the work has really begun. Writing is a process of discovery just as much as transition is, and as my body, my names, the way I love change, I want words to be there to interrogate it all with me. The way art creates stability through its ceaseless questions is constant. I hope that these poems, as processes of discovery, might provide the stability of a moment of story for others too."

Instagram: m.apollo.deal

Facebook: Marion Apollo Deal



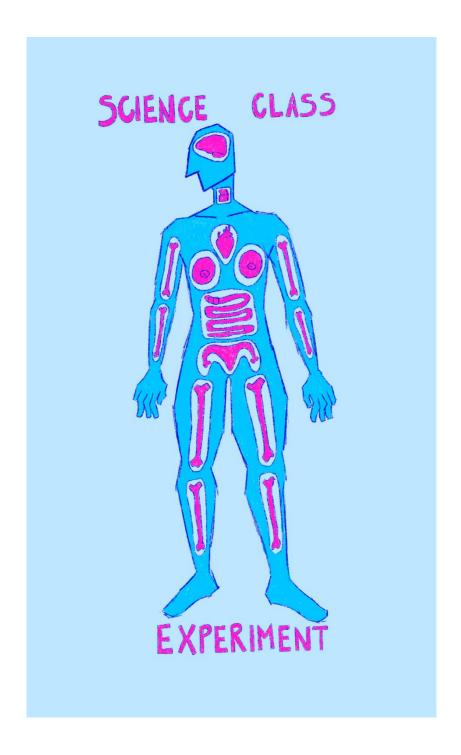
Toby Austin (he/they), Emcee, photography, 2020



Toby Austin (he/they), Emcee, photography, 2020

"These are photo extracts from a textiling project under the brief of 'environment' in which I pursued exploring trans culture and Judaism! Dimitri models a handmade elastic harness based on the wardrobe of Cabaret, made to accentuate his top surgery scars and celebrate the perseverance of trans and Jewish bodies and stories throughout time. Transness is holy, historic, beautiful, and is owed decolonisation. Always thinking about our connections with our bodies, others, and our land; for Am Yisrael Chai!"

Instagram: m.apollo.deal



Rudy Elias Tomala (he/him/xe/xem), Dissection Table, digital illustration, 2021

"Rudy Tomala is a trans masculine printmaker and digital illustrator, focused on visually representing aspects of his transgender identity. Concerned with subjects such as self-perception, medicalisation of transgender identities and wider discourses affecting trans people. In this piece titled "Dissection Table" he draws inspiration from the game Operation in relation to constructing his own trans masculine body and representing feelings of hyper exposure that come along with being trans; in terms of cis peoples morbid fascination with trans peoples bodies, what sex they are, what they have etc."

Instagram: transrebelcowboy

Howdy again! I want to say another big thank you to everyone who participated, and I hope that you enjoyed reading this zine, please make sure to follow the artists mentioned and support them and support our community. I want to reiterate that I am overwhelmed with the sense of community and belonging that has come from making this zine and being able to connect with so many artists. Thank you for reading and make sure to keep an eye out for future issues!

Rudy x